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TOPIC Military Information from Purchim

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT 4 to 15 December 1950

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DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE PREPARED 6 February 1951

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REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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REMARKS

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1. There was no change in the occupation of the Reiter-Kaserne in Purchim (M 54/T 74) between 4 and 15 December 1950. The new target range behind the new section of the installation was used daily for light machine gun firing.

2. The AAA unit which had motor vehicles [REDACTED] moved back to the Neue Heimat settlement, near the old cemetery. At darkness three blocks of the settlement were fully lighted. The former municipal home for aged people was still occupied.

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3. The new section of the Reiter-Kaserne was still occupied to capacity between 7 and 15 December by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epauletts. On Loennies-Strasse and Wilhelm Braun-Strasse the billeting area of the installation is protected by a board fence. Motor vehicles entered the installation through Karl Marx-Strasse. Trucks [REDACTED] seen on 10 December, were loaded with coal.

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4. A fuel dump surrounded by a fence was south of the Reiter-Kaserne between Karl Marx-Strasse and Etelingstrasse. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] A miniature practice firing range was being built near the fuel dump. Three JS tanks were seen there on 10 December.

5. The old section of the Reiter-Kaserne was still occupied to capacity. All the windows were lighted at darkness. Recruits seemed to be at this installation. Soldiers with shaved heads were seen. There was no motor vehicle traffic.

6. The Neue Heimat settlement was still occupied by an AAA unit. On 9 December about 25 soldiers were seen drilling with two AA guns. There was no vehicular traffic.

7. An armory was still located at the former RAD (Reich Labor Service) Kaserne on Ludwigslusterstrasse. Two AT guns of about 50 mm caliber and a tank turret suspended from a pulley block were seen there on 7 December.

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8. The bakery on Dammerweg was still in operation. The baker's shop at 11 Lange'strasse also worked for the Soviets. Buchholzallee has been renamed Stalinallee. Only Storehouse 2 was located there.

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(1) [redacted] Comments.

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According to available information, an AAA unit moved from the settlement to the home for aged people about the same time. The present report indicates that elements of this AAA unit have moved back to the Neue Heimat settlement.

- (3) In early September 1950 [redacted] two officers and 25 MI were assigned to the armory. [redacted]
- (4) In early September 1950 [redacted] a Soviet Army bakery was located on Dammerweg. [redacted]

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